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Sirs:

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1. Amendment Transmittal (2 pages)
2. Amendment (12 pages)

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Amendment Transmittal

Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application, responsive to an Office Action dated September 29, 2005.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

2. ☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

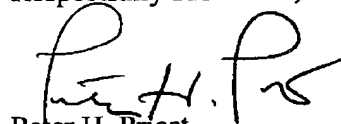
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	18	- 73	0	x \$50.00 =	0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 13		x \$200.00 =	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims		-		x \$360.00 =	
TOTAL					\$ 0.00

3. ☐ Enclosed is our check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee.
- ☐ Charge the fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest **Deposit Account No. 50-1058.**
- ☐ Charge the fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a 1 month extension of time to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest **Deposit Account No. 50-1058.** This letter petitions for a 1 month extension of time to respond.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this amendment, including any fee for extension of time or credit any overpayment to Law Offices of Peter H. Priest **Deposit Account No. 50-1058.**

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of September 29, 2005, please amend the above  
identified application as follows: